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EU Commission Adjusts Barley Import Duty Calculation

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Report Highlights:

The European Commission has adjusted the requirements for calculating the import duty for barley. Freight charges from the location of the fob quotation to the Gulf will no longer be included in the calculation.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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On October 25, 2002, the European Commission published an amendment to the rules of application for calculating grains import duties. Commission Regulation 1900/2002 amends Regulation 1249/96 specifically regarding the calculation of the representative import price for barley.

The representative import prices are calculated based on quotations for US Barley No. 2 on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange plus transportation. In the summer months, the calculation is based on fob quotations in Duluth. During the winter, when the Great Lakes shipping routes are closed, other fob quotations are used, such as the Gulf or Portland.

Regulation 1249/96 required that freight costs from the place of the fob quotation to the Gulf must be taken into account in the calculation. This requirement led to high representative import prices for barley during the winter. The new amendment simply requires that when no quotation is available to calculate a representative cif import price, the most representative fob quotations publicly available in the US shall be used.

The full text of the regulation is available on the European Commission's website at the following address: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/dat/2002/l_287/l_28720021025en00150015.pdf

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